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Pennyrile Rural Electric Cooperative Earns Governor's Safety and Health Award

Cooperative serves 47,000 customers in nine Kentucky counties

HOPKINSVILLE, Ky. (June 20, 2014) – Deputy Secretary Rocky Comito of the Kentucky Labor Cabinet today joined officials at Pennyrile Rural Electric Cooperative to recognize employees with the Governor's Safety and Health Award. The cooperative's 118 employees have worked 254,341 hours without a lost-time accident or illness.

Labor Cabinet Secretary Larry L. Roberts applauded the commitment to safety at Pennyrile Electric.

"This is a great achievement, and the people at Pennyrile Rural Electric Cooperative should be proud of their success," said Secretary Roberts. "There are numerous ways that workers can get hurt on the job, but a dedication to safety on the part of every employee can make all the difference, and we see that exemplified here."

The Pennyrile Rural Electric Cooperative first began providing electricity in 1937, when it powered 175 homes in Christian County. Now, the cooperative serves more than 47,000 members in nine counties, including Christian, Trigg, Logan, Todd, Muhlenberg,

Lyon, Caldwell, Butler and Simpson. The cooperative's main office is in Hopkinsville, with branch offices in Cadiz, Elkton and Russellville.

"Safety is first and foremost at Pennyrile Electric," said Pennyrile Electric President and CEO Eston Glover. "We are committed to providing our employees with a safe working environment. On behalf of Pennyrile Electric employees, I would like to say we are proud to receive this award and will continue to make safety our number one priority."

The Kentucky Labor Cabinet presents the Governor's Safety and Health Award in recognition of outstanding safety and health performance. An establishment may qualify for the award if its employees together achieve a required number of hours worked without experiencing a lost-time injury or illness. The required number of hours is dependent upon the number of employees. In the case of Pennyrile Electric, the requirement is 250,000.

Every establishment within the geographical boundaries of Kentucky is eligible, even if the establishment won the award the previous year. Eligibility is limited to one award during a 12-month period of time.

The award is a certificate mounted on a wooden plaque. The certificate contains the signatures of Kentucky Gov. Steve Beshear, Secretary Roberts and Department of Workplace Standards Commissioner Anthony Russell.

The Governor's Safety and Health Award program is part of Gov. Beshear's efforts to improve the health of all Kentuckians. The Governor launched [kyhealthnow](#) in February as an aggressive and wide-ranging initiative to reduce incidents and deaths from Kentucky's dismal health rankings and habits. It builds on Kentucky's successful implementation of health care reform and uses multiple strategies over the next several years to improve the state's collective health.

For more on the Governor's Safety and Health Award, and for a list of past winners, click [here](#).

For more on Pennyrile Electric, visit www.precc.com

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